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SUBJ: RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

REF: A. KABUL 4403; B. KABUL 4508

1. NORRISH OF IAM AND FRIESEN OF NOOR SUMMONED TO MEET WITH ACTING MINISTER OF HEALTH KHOSHBIN JUNE 21. IN FRIENDLY BUT REGRETFUL TONE, KHOSHBIN INFORMED THEM THAT NOOR WOULD BE RECEIVING WITHINNEXTFEW DAYS A FORMAL WRITTEN ORDER TO TERMINATE ALL OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN WITHIN 120 DAYS. HE SAID THAT IN MEANTIME NO RPT NO RESIDENT VISAS FOR NOOR PERSONNEL WOULD BE RENEWED IF THEY HAD EXPIRED, NO VISAS FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO ENTER COUNTRY WOULD BE GRATED, AND THAT ANY ONE OF NOOR STAFF WHO LEFT COUNTRY FOR ANY REASON, VACATION OR OTHERWISE, WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN. KHOSHBIN REITERATED THAT DECISION REFLECTED IN NO WAY ON MEDICAL PERFORMANCE OF GROUP BUT WAS TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT ON " OTHER GROUNDS". HE SUGGESTED INFORMALLY THAT NOOR SHOULD PREPARE TO PRESENT PROMPTLY A FORMAL CLAIM FOR FINANCIAL COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED UNDER PROTOCOL AGREEMENT WITH RGA. (PROTOCOL AGREEMENT GIVES RGA RIGHT TO TERMINATE UNILATERALLY WITH 120 DAYS' NOTICE. HOWEVER, PARALLEL TRUST AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE RGA AND NOOR WITH GERMAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDES THAT SHOULD AGREEMENT BE TERMINATED PREMATURELY, RGA

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MUST COMPENSATE FOR APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS INVESTED BY FGR IN NEW NOOR HOSPITAL, ONLY COMPLETED APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AGO.

2. KHOSHBIN SAID THAT MAP STATUS NOT YET FINALLY RESOLVED PENDING RECEIPT FROM DR KNIGHTEN OF DETAILED INFORMATION RGA HAD REQUESTED CONCERNING ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR MAP IN USA. (DR KARIM OF FONMIN HAD MADE SAME STATEMENT ABOUT MAP TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR DRINKALL JUNE 19, IMPLYING THAT QUESTION ESSENTIAL LY WAS WHETHER MAP IS A RELIGIOUS OR SECULAR ORGANIZATION. SINCE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN RGA AND KNIGHTON HAS NOT RPT NOT GONE THROUGH EITHER MAP HEADQUARTERS HERE OR EMBASSY, WE ASSUME AMB ALIKYAR MAY BE INVOLVED AS INTERMEDIARY. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION).

3. KHOSHBIN SAID THAT SAME POLICY ON VISAS DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR NOOR WOULD ALSO PERTAIN TO MAP WHILE MAP' S STATUS UNDER DISCUSSION IN RGA.

4. CCC CHURCH BUILDING NOW COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED.

5. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH GERMAN AND BRITISH EMBASSIES POSSIBLE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO NOOR DECISION. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE BEYOND THAT ALREADY PROVIDED.
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